

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF  
ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION**

JULIE HODGE,	)	
	)	1:24-cv-02226
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
and	)	Judge Jorge L. Alonso
	)	
NORTHEAST ILLINOIS REGIONAL	)	
COMMUTER RAILROAD	)	
CORPORATION, d/b/a METRA	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**PLAINTIFF’S UNOPPOSED  
MOTION FOR A CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER**

NOW COMES the Plaintiff, JULIE HODGE (hereinafter “Plaintiff”), by and through her counsel, SPEARMAN LAW, LLC and, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and this Court’s local rules, request that this Honorable Court enter a Confidentiality Order and a HIPAA Qualified Protective Order in this case. In support of this motion, the Plaintiff state the following:

1. Plaintiff filed her initial complaint on March 19, 2024. (*See* Dkt. # 1) The operative complaint is her first amended complaint, filed on May 6, 2024. (*See* Dkt. # 8) This is a Title VII claim arising out of Plaintiff’s employment with the Defendant. Plaintiff alleges that the Defendants engaged in discrimination based on religion race, and gender. The Plaintiff also alleges a retaliatory discharge claim.
2. As discovery moves forward, Plaintiffs’ allegations will require discovery of personal and confidential information. This information may include, but is not limited to, personal identifying information, employment information, health information, and disciplinary

records. For instance, the Defendant has requested financial and health information from Plaintiffs. These files contain significant amounts of confidential and personally identifying health information. Information of this nature is routinely protected by a Confidentiality Order.

3. Counsel for the Plaintiff has communicated with Defendant's counsel regarding this motion and provided copies of the proposed orders. The proposed orders are substantially similar to the models for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

4. Defendant's counsel does not oppose this motion.

5. Pursuant to this Court's Standing Order Plaintiff has sent a copy of the proposed order, and a redline showing changes to the same against the NDIL's Model, to the address given on the Court's website.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant their unopposed motion and enter the proposed Confidentiality Order .

/ Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on **January 9, 2025** I electronically filed the foregoing ***Plaintiffs Unopposed Motion for a Confidentiality Order***, with the Clerk of the Central District of Illinois which will send notification of such filing to the following CM/ECF participants:

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